(a) Dependants of Defence/Paramilitary/Police personnel, who are killed in action or persons permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated;

(b) Dependants of Central/State Government employees, who are killed or permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated.

In the case of the special scheme, referred to in para (i) above, allotments are made on the basis of recommendations received from the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence. 461 retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships have been allotted under this scheme so far.

With regard to the discretionary quota of the Government, out of more than 1800 applications received so far, allotment has been made in respect of 51 cases.

In addition, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have provided for reservation of 8% each for Defence personnel and Paramilitary/Police/ Government personnel in their Dealer/Distributor Selection Guidelines.

(f) and (g) No complaints regarding the allotments made under the Special Scheme and the Discretionary Quota have been received, though representations for expediting such cases are received from time to time. Complaints received in connection with regular selections made by the OMCs are dealt with in accordance with the grievance redressal mechanism provided for in the Guidelines.

Supply of CNG in Andhra Pradesh

2021. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC/GAIL have drawn up any comprehensive action plan to supply CNG to different parts of Andhra Pradesh from Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) M/s GAIL (India) Ltd. (GAIL) and

M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have formed a Joint Venture Company, namely, Bhagyanagar Gas Limited (BGL) for supply of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to automobiles and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers in Andhra Pradesh, subject to availability of gas.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of five kg. Gas cylinder

2022. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector oil companies have a proposal under their consideration to increase the production and marketing of five kg. gas cylinders for domestic use in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) procure 5 kg. cylinders from various manufacturing units and market them through their distributors especially for law income group customers in all types of market. OMCs are making available 5 kg. cylinders of LPG distributors as per their demand.

Delayed delivery of LPG cylinder

2023. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG agencies working in the outer Delhi are involved in the malpractices of supplying the gas late, usually a week or so and that too in inadequate quantity;

(b) the details of complaints received in this regard during the last two years and the action taken against them;

(c) whether the telephone lines with Rohini Enterprises, Rohini work only after the office hours and customers have to book the gas cylinder in person only; and